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TO : Mr. James E. McInerney
Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division
FROM : William L. Foley
Chief, Internal Security Section
SUBJECT: Article entitled "Who Gave Russia the
A-Bomb?" by William Bradford Huie,
American Mercury Magazine, April 1951

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Recently in connection with the captioned matter you suggested the possibility of subjecting William Bradford Huie to grand jury interrogation in connection with the statements made by him in the article in question.

It appears that the source of Huie's information was undoubtedly the report prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on September 25, 1949, entitled "Report on Atomic Espionage."

Huie in this article makes statements condemning the Department of Justice for not acting to halt the Weinberg-Nelson espionage operations by authorizing their arrest in 1943. These statements by Huie are patently erroneous and misleading.

The Department's files clearly indicate that we first received information on the Weinberg-Nelson activity in March 1946 at the very earliest.

It is noted from the Huie article that the author plans to publish in subsequent installments additional information concerning Soviet espionage and in September of this year plans to publish a full length book on the subject. It is suggested that any possible action against Huie be held in abeyance until such time as he publishes the full length book on the subject referred to above.

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